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Applicant:

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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1,136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 2-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Request for Restriction Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, said period of response being extended from January 31, 2006 to March 31, 2006.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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